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# GREETINGS From Your PRESIDENT

Farm tiling is about to go crazy busy. It froze hard here is southwestern Minnesota, and the crop harvest will soon be in full swing.

If you work near wetlands you may have discovered that the setbacks for laterals next to wetlands has recently been increased. One field I was working on went from 90 feet to 140 feet. The MNLICA State convention and meetings are coming up in January, and the NRCS is on the agenda to tach about delineating wetlands. Make sure you come with questions and examples. The MNLICA Convention is a place where you can learn things to keep you and your client out of trouble. Avoiding a fine and a bad reputation are good reasons to come and learn.

On a related note, according to the MOU that LICA and NRCS signed, MNLICA could have a seat on the NRCS board. If you would like to participate in some way, give Jenny or one of the board members a call.

It takes time and some money to fill a role like that, but I encourage you to think about how much you invest in promoting your business, how much do you invest in

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promoting the industry that your business is a part of?

Remember to be careful in the "Rural Rush Hour."

Stu Frazeur, MNLICA President



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Twenty-two workers have already been killed due to deadly trenching and excavation hazards in 2022—a 68% increase from all of 2021. In response, OSHA launched enhanced enforcement initiatives to protect workers from known industry hazards. Doug Parker, the assistant secretary for OSHA, stated that all 22 deaths could have been prevented if employers had complied with the agency's safety standards.

While trenching and excavation operations require protective systems to be in place and inspections to occur before workers can enter job sites, employers may fail to properly follow these precautions. This can leave workers exposed to serious hazards, including the risk of being buried under thousands of pounds of soil.

OSHA enforcement staff are now placing increased emphasis on how agency officials evaluate penalties for trenching- and excavation-related incidents. Such penalties include criminal referrals for the federal or state prosecution of employers whose actions (or

inactions) are fatal to workers or put their lives at risk.

OSHA is asking all employers to act immediately to ensure required protections are fully in place before employees enter or work near trenches. The agency has also asked states with OSHA-approved State Plans to have similar emphasis programs in place and implement additional measures to prevent further injuries and deaths from trenching- and excavation-related incidents.

OSHA compliance officers are set to perform more than 1,000 trench inspections across the country, reviewing excavation sites during workers' daily duties. If these officers identify any safety concerns, Parker said OSHA is prepared to help.

"OSHA stands ready to assist any employer who needs help to comply with our trenching and excavation requirements," Parker said. "We will conduct outreach programs, including safety summits, in all of our 10 regions to help ensure any employer who wants assistance gets it. The stakes are too important."

Contact us today for the latest OSHA developments.



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#### "Construction Equipment, a Ton of Kids: "Day of the Dozers" Event

September 24<sup>th</sup> Associate Member Mike Kluck and MNLICA President Stu Frazeur participated in the "Day of the Dozers," a fundraising event for Children's Minnesota.

The Day of the Dozers was first held in 2013. ERX Motor Park in Elk River, MN was involved from the start, being the location for the event. Other companies that founded the event were Plaisted Companies, Brentson Companies, Frattalone Companies, Steinbrecher Companies, Designing Earth Contracting and RDO. Over the years other companies and organizations have joined in, and this year MNLICA made a financial contribution and Kluck and Frazeur volunteered as well. In all, nearly 100 volunteers worked to make the event a success.

While the 4,700 attendees had a blast, the main purpose for Day of the Dozers is to raise money for Children's Minnesota. Children's Minnesota is a healthcare system devoted to the care of children before birth and up to young adulthood. Over the years the amount raised has grown, with this year's total being over \$82,000.00.

The event is centered around construction equipment, with kids age three to 11 being able to ride in machines with an operator. Equipment on site included around 15 excavators, a couple of tractor backhoes, compactors, dozers, articulated trucks, farm tractors and a large trencher. In addition to the rides

there were sand piles of about 5 yards each with construction toys provided. A popular attraction was a tunnel system made with 36-inch concrete pipe.

Minnesota Utility Contractors Association played a huge part in the event, providing much of the organization work that had to happen.

On a personal note, the day Stu signed up to help, he had been talking with a local dad whose daughter has been fighting and winning over cancer. He reports she is getting close to being able to run again. It's been some long years, but Children's was there for them. As land improvement contractors, we build stuff, improve the land. By getting involved with projects like this, we build hope for kids who need help.



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#### **Fatality Alert**



MINE FATALITY – On August 4, 2022, a mine manager died while performing maintenance on a bulldozer. While kneeling on the bulldozer's track, the victim accidentally engaged the lever that put the bulldozer in reverse. The bulldozer track moved the victim to the rear of the bulldozer where he was run over.



#### **Best Practices**

- Operators should train miners on safe maintenance procedures:
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- Operators should make sure miners are in a safe location in relation to machine parts that can move.

This is the 17th fatality reported in 2022, and the seventh classified as "Machinery."

The information provided in this notice is based on preliminary data only and does not represent final determinations regarding the nature of the incident or conclusions regarding the cause of the fatality.

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#### **WINNERS**

#### **SPORTING CLAYS**

1st Place—Chris Slavik (Pictured at right)
2nd Place—(3 way tie) Aaron Schlemmer, Drew Kollos, and Brian Engles

#### **GOLF**

1st Place Team—Barnett Bros., Pat, Pete, Ryan and Chris (Pictured Below) 2nd Place Team—Gabe Totzke, Drew Kollos, Ross Blume and Chuck Brandel 3rd Place Team—Jay Engles, Aaron Bogue, Rick Miller and Adam Morreim

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## LICA HEALTH PLAN INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Health Insurance can be expensive and complicated...but it doesn't have to be. Land Improvement Contractors of America and World Insurance bring LICA Members (and their employees) affordable health insurance plans through The LICA Health Plan.

Join Terence Gorman, World Insurance
Managing Director-Employee Benefits
Division, for an informational zoom meeting
and find out about The LICA Health Plan.
The hour-long session will be filled with
information about plans, rates, benefits, and
the opportunity to ask questions.

ZOOM LINKS will be at LICANational.org under "Events"





**Zoom Day & Times** 

Monday, October 10 6:30 pm (CST)

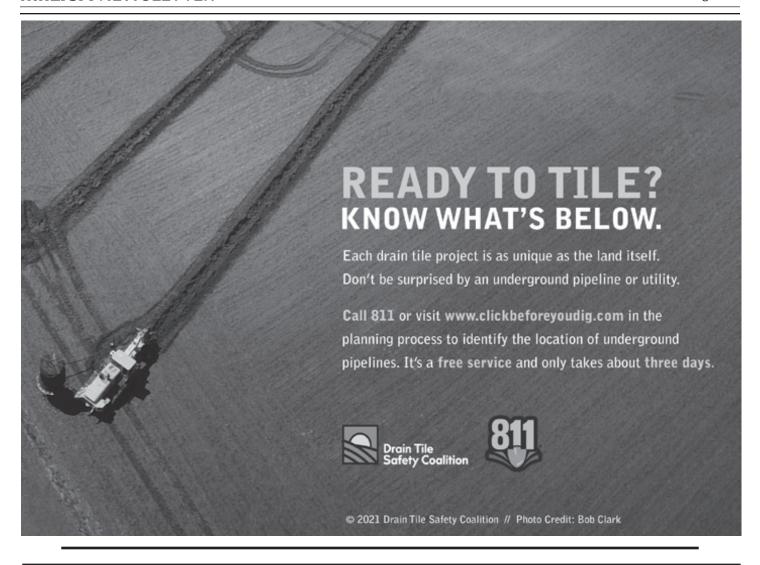
OR

Wednesday, October 12 7:00 pm (CST)









#### **FRIED APPLES**

- 6 Granny Smith apples, peel and slice into 10 slices
- 1/4 Cup margarine
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1/8 Teaspoon salt
- 1/8 Teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 Teaspoon Cinnamon
- 1 Teaspoon lemon juice

Melt margarine in large skillet over medium-low heat

Place apples evenly in the skillet and pour lemon juice on top—try to get joice on all the

Apples. Sprinkle brown sugar and salt over apples. Cover and cook for 15 minutes, turning once. Make sure apples are tender, then sprinkle Cinnamon and Nutmeg over the top of apples. ENJOY!



## **NEWS RELEASE**





#### UFG Insurance and Prins Insurance announce State LICA Insurance Program 2021 dividend results

UFG Insurance strives to uphold its policyholder promise to ensure businesses are financially prepared to overcome losses with its trustworthy insurance protection. The carrier is proud to have fulfilled this important promise for 1,385 members of the State LICA Insurance Program last year.

LICA contractors who participate in the program have access to UFG's trusted insurance products, gold-standard service from the UFG claims team, dedicated risk control assistance and other perks like the opportunity to earn a safety group dividend\* based on loss ratio.

Last year, East Coast members of the State LICA Insurance Program (Kentucky, New Jersey, Ohio and Pennsylvania) earned a 4% safety dividend. The group loss ratio for Midwest members (Arkansas, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Minnesota, Nebraska, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin) did not qualify for a dividend in 2021.

"We congratulate the East Coast LICA contractors in our program on their great 2021 results, which earned them a policyholder dividend," says UFG Insurance Marketing Manager and State LICA Insurance Program advocate Christine Starr. "Every step forward in the name of safety is worthy of celebration, and we appreciate the efforts being made by LICA members across the country that demonstrate a commitment to safe work environments."

UFG's risk control services will continue to champion support for the businesses insured, helping them foster the safest settings possible with fewer and less severe losses, which will undoubtedly continue to improve results.

The State LICA Insurance Program has been a trusted pillar for LICA members for more than 25 years and counting, with more than \$4.9 million in dividends paid during that time. The exciting momentum continues this year as the next phase of this dependable program has been ushered in.

"The Midwest State LICA Insurance Program and the East Coast State LICA Insurance Program have unified to become one robust State LICA Insurance Program in 2022," explains Starr. "This means we'll have even more streamlined ways of working together, today and tomorrow."

UFG is honored to serve as the recommended insurance company for the State LICA Insurance Program in solid partnership with Prins Insurance. Prins has served the insurance needs of state LICA contractors for more than 25 years.

If you're interested in learning more about the State LICA Insurance Program or taking part in it, contact Prins at 800-831-8545.

\*The availability of dividends is declared from surplus funds and are not guaranteed.

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#### About UFG's State LICA Insurance Program

UFG currently offers insurance to chapter members in: Arkansas, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Minnesota, Nebraska, Missouri, New Jersey, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Wisconsin. The State LICA Insurance Program is administered by Prins Insurance Inc. of Sanborn, Iowa.

#### About Prins Insurance Inc. of Sanborn, Iowa

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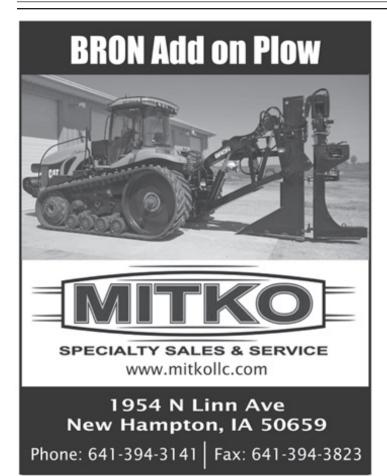
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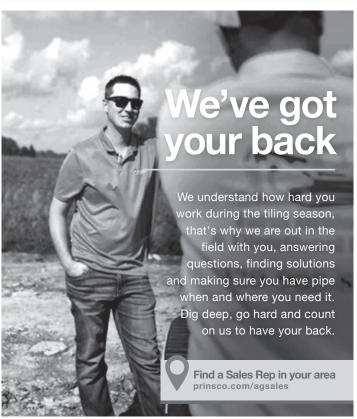




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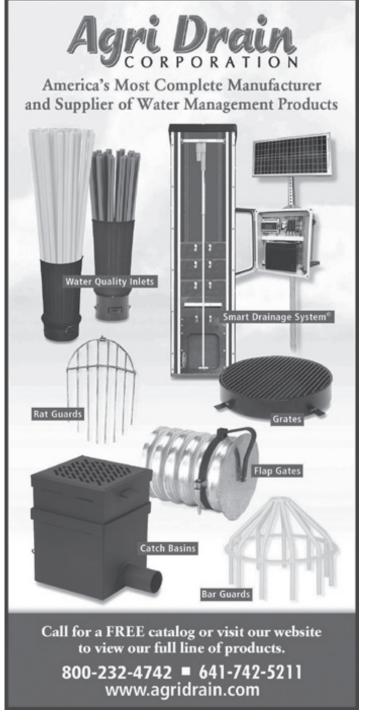
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Chrmn Steve Vis	Р	Р	Р	Р	
Mark Morreim	Р	Α	Р	Р	
Karlen Nelson	Α	Р	Р	Р	
<b>Everett Garlisch</b>	Р	Р	Р	Р	
Brad Herickhoff	Р	Α	Α	Р	
Mike Lehmann	Р	Р	Р	Р	
Doug Breberg	Р	Р	Р	Α	
Dee Ann Larson	Р	Р	Р	Р	
Jesse James	Α	Р	Р	Р	
Don Loken	Р	Р	Р	Α	
Assc. Tim Dahl	Α	Α	Α	Α	
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A = Absent P = Present C = Cancelled Meet





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## ADMC Co-founder Charlie Schafer Inducted into the International Drainage Hall of Fame

Posted on September 7, 2022

ADMC members had a big presence at the 11<sup>th</sup> International Drainage Symposium, but none bigger than Charlie Schafer, Chairman of the ADMC Board and President of Agri Drain Corp, who was inducted into the International Drainage Hall of Fame as part of the 2021/2022 class. Dr. Dan Jaynes, retired research soil scientist with the Agricultural Research Service, joined Charlie in the 2021/2022 class. Dan and Charlie join just 25 other drainage leaders in the hall of fame since its origination in 1979.

Charlie was inducted for being a visionary for the future of what agricultural drainage will look like. Many know of Charlie's contributions as he has been one of the most active supporters striving to continuously advance what drainage can accomplish. Through his vision, the next generation of drainage is changing by being able to manage when water is released from the system and by being able to treat the released water. Charlie has not done this alone and would be one of the first to recognize the contribution from collaborating researchers, agencies, industry members, and NGO's. As big as Charlie's contributions of the engineered water management structures are, his contributions of being able to coordinate interactions among all the stakeholders may be his biggest accomplishment.

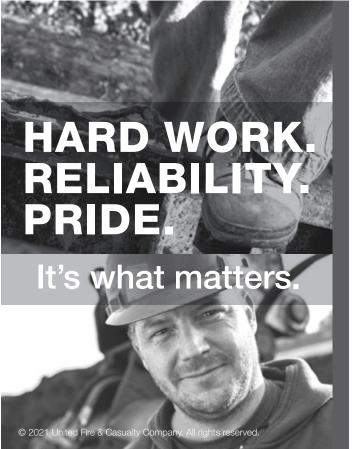




During his acceptance speech Charlie thanked those in the industry that made his nomination possible. It was clear that he was honored to be included in the same esteem as previous inductees. The biggest message that Charlie delivered was the importance of drainage stakeholders to be able to deliver on climate adaptation practices that will be necessary to handle the changing climate for the next generation.







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#### Executive Director's Report

Fall season is here. It is hard to believe that a year has passed since I started working with the Bakken's in the transition into becoming Executive Director for Minnesota LICA.

As we enter into yet another season, please remember the most necessary tool during construction is "SAFETY"

The Scholarship Fundraiser was a success. Even though we had rain during the golfing, I believe they still had a good time. I want to thank everyone that made that day a success!

You should have received your membership due notices already. If you have not, please let me know. Please mail in your dues at your earliest convenience. Thank you to the many that have sent them in already.

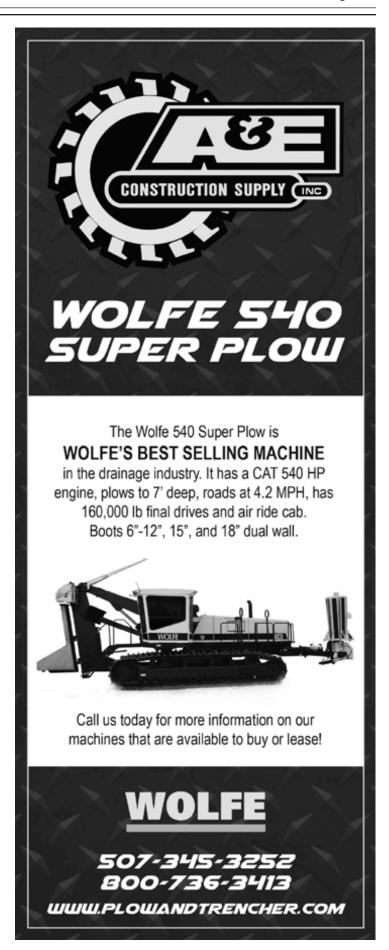
Plans are well underway for the state convention in January. I am still finalizing speakers and have commitments from others. We will have National LICA representatives at the convention this year. Please make plans to come and meet with them and bring your questions! As always we will have the septic training on Wednesday and the Bean Bag Tournament on Wednesday evening.

The "Day of the Dozers" was new for us this year. I believe that MNLICA will be a participant in this event for years to come. I want to thank President Frazeur and Associate, Mike Kluck for attending this event and representing MNLICA.

I am excited to see the LICA documentary that will be coming out now in October on PBS.

Jennifer Breberg, Executive Director







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### 2022—2023 UPCOMING EVENTS - MNLICA Web-site: www.mnlica.org

October—Viewpoint with Dennis Quaid on PBS

December 8th, 2022—Board Meeting—Best Western Plus, New Ulm, MN January 11th, 12th and 13th, 2023—Winter Convention—Best Western Plus, New Ulm, MN March 14-18, 2023, National LICA Convention—Las Vegas, NV





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